The Biological Weapons Convention:
A Brief Overview

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<td>Never under any circumstances to acquire or retain biological weapons</td>
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<td>To destroy or divert to peaceful purposes biological weapons and associated resources prior to joining</td>
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<td>Not to transfer, or in any way assist, encourage or induce anyone else to acquire or retain biological weapons</td>
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<td>To take any national measures necessary to implement the provisions of the BWC domestically</td>
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<td>To consult bilaterally and multilaterally to solve any problems with the implementation of the BWC</td>
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<td>To request the UN Security Council to investigate alleged breaches of the BWC and to comply with its subsequent decisions</td>
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<td>To assist States which have been exposed to a danger as a result of a violation of the BWC</td>
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<td>To do all of the above in a way that encourages the peaceful uses of biological science and technology</td>
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the possibility of bacteriological (biological) agents and toxins being used as weapons... would be repugnant to the conscience of [hu]mankind

SIGNATORIES
- Burundi
- Central African Republic
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Egypt
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Somalia
- Syrian Arab Republic
- United Republic of Tanzania

STATES NOT PARTY
- Andorra
- Angola
- Cameroon
- Chad
- Comoros
- Djibouti
- Eritrea
- Guinea
- Israel
- Kiribati
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritania
- Micronesia
- Nauru
- Niue
- Samoa
- Tuvalu

Contact Points
- CBMs
- States Parties in NID
- States Parties
- CBMs
- Verex
- Ad Hoc Group
- 1st Inter Sessional
- 2nd Inter Sessional

OPEN FOR SIGNATURE
ENTRY INTO FORCE
1ST REVIEW CONFERENCE
2ND REVIEW CONFERENCE
3RD REVIEW CONFERENCE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE
4TH REVIEW CONFERENCE
5TH REVIEW CONFERENCE
5TH REVIEW CONFERENCE
6TH REVIEW CONFERENCE
7TH REVIEW CONFERENCE

science, technology & BWC
scientists @ annual meetings

Presentations  Posters  Panels

Side Events  Speed Networking
building a better community

1st International Forum on Biosecurity

International Workshop on BWC Relevant S&T Developments

2nd International Forum on Biosecurity

International Workshop on BWC Relevant S&T Developments

IAP BWG Biosecurity Workplan

Promoting Dual Use Education In the Life Sciences

2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010
MODERN SCIENCE
will save the world
or kill us all
“We must look at [the BWC] as part of an interlinked array of tools, designed to deal with an interlinked array of problems”

UN Secretary General, 2006
Evidence-Based Decisions

In theory, theory and practice are the same. In practice, they are not.